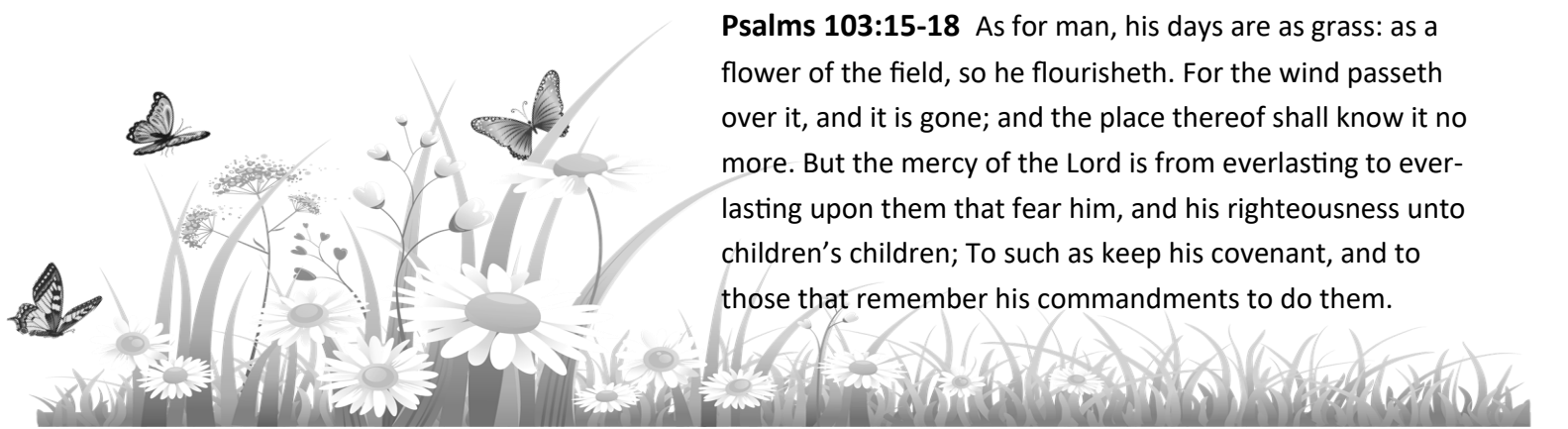


“From the Heart of Senior Pastor, Toby Cambron”

Governor DeWine mentioned that today, March 4, marks the one anniversary of Ohio’s fight against Covid-19. I am saddened when I reflect upon the people who have lost the battle against the virus. It is equally concerning to reflect upon the damage our economy, our communities, churches, schools, and our families. Earlier this week, at my routine visit to the dentist, I noticed my hygienist was unusually quiet as she attended to my teeth. When I asked if there was something bothering her, without hesitation she began to share her sorrows and frustrations this long year of isolation has brought. Though she has not missed a day of work, she has missed an entire year of her family, friends, and freedom to move about her community.

Our lives have been altered by a microscopic organism that originated in some far-off part of the world we had never previously heard of. If you have lost someone or some essential value this previous year, then your sorrow is expected for hardship has changed life. If the year has left with no hope beyond this life, then you may become swallowed up in misery (1 Cor 15:19). However, as the people, who maintain faith in God, and a relationship with the Lord Jesus, we are never without hope (1 Thess 4:13). If we are part of God’s redeemed, we have been promised an eternal hope (Rev 5:9), so that death, nor life, angels, nor powers, anything present, nor anything yet to come can separate us from the love of God we have found in our Lord Jesus (Rom 8:38-39).

Perhaps you are struggling with the same sorrows the hygienist was expressing? There is hope in God, and the representation of God, in the Lord Jesus. Granted, there are times when our God may seem silent, impersonal, and far away. The Lord Jesus knew how we may struggle when alone in this journey, so he created his representation here on earth. That representation is his church, for we are his hands, his feet, his warm embrace, for we are the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:12-27). How long has it been since you have experienced the body of Christ? Is there a fear of death, of life, or anything present nor yet to come is keeping you away? The Lord is the head of his church and this body still needs you, for every part is essential. Now the snow melts, the surge retreats, and the remembrance of the Resurrection draws near. There is hope beyond the present hardship and there is the body of Christ, resurrected, revived, reaching out in a warm embrace (Luke 24).



Psalms 103:15-18 As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children’s children; To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

Dying In Our Place

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." 1 Peter 2:24

Let us realize this Spring Season that the ultimate reason that Jesus became a man was to do exactly two things; bear our sins and die on the cross for you. Yes, of course, much else was done by Jesus, and many other reasons round out the fulness of why he came to earth. But at the heart of his coming, at the core of his choosing to follow the will and plan of his father and take on our human nature, was this purpose: to bear our sin and die. As Jesus articulates his own mission, "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

What an amazing truth- the eternal Son of the Father left the glories of heaven and took on our human nature for one ultimate purpose: to bear the sin we have committed and die the death that we deserve, because he knew that only in this way would we be saved.

Secondly, let us realize this, that Christ and Christ alone, is the only substitute who can adequately represent us in his offering on our behalf. Furthermore, realize that Christ alone made the payment that fully and eternally satisfied God's wrath against our sin. Christ is the one who fulfilled what we need the most through his substitutionary sacrifice upon the cross our everlasting adoration, praise, worship, and allegiance. With Paul we can affirm that we have indeed been bought with an unspeakably great price, and therefore it is only right that we should glorify God in our bodies (1 Cor. 6:20).

By: Pastor James Taylor

LIFEWISE ACADEMY

Did you know 8 in 10 American youth don't attend church, but 9 in 10 attend public schools? What does this mean? Reaching youth with the gospel in today's culture is a challenge. Since most students aren't inside church walls, why not go where they are?

LifeWise Academy takes advantage of the only legal way to provide Bible education to public school students during school hours. Currently there is an effort to join local Christians to starting a LifeWise Whitehall. The first step is to read more at the LifeWise website, then register your support at the weblink www.lifewiseacademy.org/interest

Proverbs 22:6 *Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

What is the meaning of Tefilah?

The Hebrew translation for prayer is *Tefilah*. The English meaning for prayer is a devout petition to God or an act of worship. *Tefilah* is so much more—it is defined as *a labor of the heart*. The key principle to your relationship with your Creator is to serve Him with all your heart. It is an awakening of the hidden love within the heart that drives us to a state of intimate union with our Creator. It is a time to self evaluate and self judge. *Tefilah* is also attachment, when we create a bond between ourself and God.

Deuteronomy 11:13 And it will be, if you hearken to My commandments that I command you this day to love the Lord, your God, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul,

Often, we only pray when we need something from God. The bible tells us to make our requests known before God (Phil 4:6). It does not say in case of an emergency-PRAY!

When I take a closer look at *Tefilah*, I realize my prayer-life is like a ladder. I cannot get to the top step in one jump, I must take it step by step. The first step is to believe in God's son, Jesus Christ, who shed his blood for me, a sinner, upon a cross (Rom 5:8). Next, accept the gift of salvation He offers to all who come to Him. Now that I am a child of God, my next step is to grow in my faith as I continue to climb the ladder.

Finally, as I meditate upon *Tefilah*, I learn that it is *a labor of the heart* and if I want to reach the top of the ladder, I need to work on my relationship with JESUS daily.

By: Nancy Mitchell



Come enjoy an evening of fun at *Family Game Night* the last Friday of each month in the Fellowship Hall 6-9 pm. Bring your favorite board game. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Everyone welcome!

I'm In The Lord's Army - *Jim Farrar's Journey to Salvation*

When I was eleven years old, a neighbor invited me to her Church, where I learned of GOD, JESUS, and Heaven from the Bible during Vacation Bible School. I was curious about VBS! I did not know what to expect!

She told me to have a seat and listen carefully to the words of the teacher. Well, how the teacher presented the gospel caught my attention. I really enjoyed what I was hearing and decided to attend the Sunday Services, also. I struggled understanding the Pastor's sermons and stopped attending after only a few services, but continued going to VBS till I was out of school.

When I graduated from high school, I enlisted into the Army. I would attend the services on base, listening to the Chaplain's message of the gospel, which was so clear to my understanding. I had three tours of duty in Vietnam, but I did not feel the call to be saved at this time.

Upon returning home from Vietnam, I decided to search for a church to attend. One evening, I was sitting in a small country Baptist Church listening, as an Evangelist preached during a revival. Someone sitting behind me tapped on my shoulder saying, "you should go up and get saved". But, it still did not feel like the time was right for me. The second night, once again I remained seated as the Evangelist gave the invitation to receive Christ. But, on the third night of revival, something very different happened to me! The most *amazing* experience ever!

I felt a hand on my shoulder and heard a voice saying "*come with me.*" I looked around to see who was talking, and didn't see anyone. Again, the voice said "*I want you to come with me.*" Then I realized who it was. It was JESUS. I knew then, it was the right time. I replied, "LORD, you know what I've done in my life, and if you still want me anyway, Here I am." I went to the altar and poured out everything to the LORD. It was at this moment, I felt a heavy weight lifted from me. And now, **"I'm In The Lord's Army, Yes Sir!"**



LOOKING AHEAD!

- Spring Clock Forward
Sun, March 14, 2021
- Gloryway Quartet
Sat, March 27, 2021
Evening (TBA)
- Palm Sunday
Sun, March 28, 2021
- Good Friday Service
Fri, April 2, 2021
7:00 pm
- Easter Sunday
Sun, April 4, 2021
Breakfast 9:00 am
Service 10:30 am
- National Prayer Day
Thur, May 6, 2021
- Mother's Day
Sun, May 9, 2021
- Graduate Sunday
Sun, May 16, 2021
- Memorial Day Observed
Mon, May 31, 2021

"Josiah Cambron's Last Sunday with The Church as he prepares for National Guard Training"



Pastor Toby & Josiah Cambron



The Brothers Pray over Josiah

LOOKING BACK!

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WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship Service.....10:30am

Sunday Junior Church.....10:30am

Wednesday Morning Prayer.....11:00am

Wednesday Tutoring K-8.....5:15pm

Wednesday Kids Bible Club.....6:45pm

Wednesday Youth Bible Study6:45pm

Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00pm

Thursday Women of Warfare Bible Study.....6:30pm

FACEBOOK LIVE:

Sunday Worship10:30am

Wednesday Evening Prayer.....7:00pm

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Thursday Women of Warfare

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